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REMARKS:

Claims 1-3 are pending.

The Examiner Rejected claims 1-3 based upon the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of applicant's issued U.S. Patent No. 5,591,317 in view of Gibbs (U.S. 4,886,593). In response, the applicant previously submitted a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321. However, the Disclaimer was signed by an attorney who works at the same firm as the undersigned but who was not of record in this case. Thus, the Disclaimer is being re-submitted bearing the signature of the attorney of record. In view of this action, the double patenting rejection is believed to have been obviated.

Also, the specification has been amended to reflect the required priority claim as communicated during a telephonic conference initiated by the Examiner in March of 2005. Coincident with the filing of this Supplementary Response, a PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78 TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM has been submitted (a copy of which is included herewith).

A fee authorization form for the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) was submitted in the previous Response. Moreover, a petition for a 3-month extension of time is being submitted

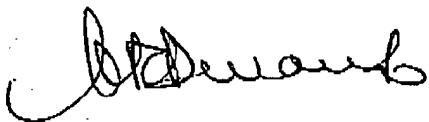
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herewith. Should there be any additional or unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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